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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 677  
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A RESOLUTION To honor James Ollie and Lydia Mae Hatcher on  
the celebration of their sixtieth wedding  
anniversary.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pleasure in honoring those successful  
marriages that have served as standards for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 1942, James Ollie Hatcher and Lydia Mae Satterfield were  
joined in marriage, and since that wonderful day, this outstanding couple has faced the world as  
one, depending upon their love for each other during life's joys and sorrows; and

WHEREAS, James Ollie Hatcher was born in Blount County on December 10, 1922; at  
the time of his marriage, he worked with his father on their family farm in Blount County; and

WHEREAS, Lydia Mae Hatcher was born in Knox County on August 16, 1925; she met  
James, her true love and lifelong partner, when she moved to a farm neighboring his parents in  
1939; and

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WHEREAS, James and Lydia Hatcher were married in Greenback by the famous "Marry'in Jones," a preacher renowned far and wide for performing marriage ceremonies at anytime; and

WHEREAS, this couple's praiseworthy marriage has produced four loving children, Joyce Emert, Jimmy Hatcher, Susan Newport, and Thomas Hatcher; seven grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, in June of 1946, they moved to their present property, Hickory Corner, where they supported their family by raising tobacco; with their two eldest children, they planted and tended seven tobacco crops to pay for their home; over the years, all of the Hatcher children worked in the tobacco fields to meet the family's needs; and

WHEREAS, James and Lydia Hatcher founded the Hickory Corner, a service station and auto repair business, in 1956; a true family business, the Hatchers and their children pumped gas and serviced cars; in 1957, they began selling and servicing RVs and, in 1958, started a mobile home towing business, which gradually developed into a mobile home service and repairs business; and

WHEREAS, in 1960, this industrious family established their first mobile home space, a successful enterprise which later developed into a mobile home park; and

WHEREAS, the Hatchers have also owned and operated school buses in Blount County for thirty-five years, while James Hatcher still drives a school bus on occasion; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Hatcher serve as the Directors of the Family Campers and Hikers Association and are active members and past Directors of the Fort Loudon Chapter of the Family Campers and Hikers Association; and

WHEREAS, avid travelers, they have traveled extensively in the United States, Mexico, and Canada in their RVs; and

WHEREAS, James and Lydia Hatcher are faithful members of the Oakview Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, for sixty years this union has endured to serve as a testament to the power of love and family; the Hatchers will be honored at a reception given by their family and friends at the Oakview Baptist Church Fellowship Hall on February 3, 2002; and

WHEREAS, marriages such as theirs represent the best of our society, as they remind us of the beauty and value of continuity and commitment; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and congratulate James Ollie and Lydia Mae Hatcher on the celebration of their sixtieth wedding anniversary and extend to them our best wishes for much continued happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.